



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : WOUTER IJDO, et al.  
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Docket No. : 080395.52547C1  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : VISCOSITY STABLE SMECTITE CLAY SLURRIES

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004.

**Petition for Extension of Time** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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